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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/605,548	<b>Applicant(s)</b> BROWN, STEPHEN J.	
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### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 June 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7, 8, 10-23, 25, 26 and 28-49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7, 8, 10-23, 25, 26 and 28-49 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 5/12/09 has been entered.

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-23, 25, 26, 28-49 are pending

For reference purposes, the document paper numbers is 20090805

### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-23, 25, 26, 28-49 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

3. Applicant's amended claims 1-49 necessitate a new rejection under 35 USC § 112, 1st paragraph. Independent claims 1 and 19 recite a wireless communication between a unit and a central server for which there is no support in Applicant's specification.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

4. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to

which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

5. Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-23, 25, 26, 28-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

6. Independent claims 1 and 19 recite a wireless communication between a unit and a central server for which there is no support in Applicant's specification.

Claims 2-5, 7, 8, 10-18, 20-23, 25, 26, 28-49, as dependents of claims 1 and 19 are also rejected under the above analysis.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 1, 7, 8, 11-13, 17, 19, 25, 26, 29-31, 35, 37-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chaco U.S. Patent No. 5,465,082.

9. With regards to claim 1, Chaco teaches a health monitoring system comprising: a central server configured to receive health-related data (Fig. 4 element 430); a monitoring device for monitoring a condition indicative of a physical well-being of a person and for producing digitally encoded health signals, located near said person and remotely located from said server (Fig. 4 element 410, col. 14 lines 37-49); a programmable-microprocessor-based interactive unit separate from said monitoring device, located remotely from said server (Fig. 4 element 414), said microprocessor including a video display (Col. 15 lines 1-4); and a memory (Col. 14 lines 26-28); and a signal interface connectable in signal communication with said programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit and said monitoring device (Fig. 4 element 418).

Chaco does not specifically disclose that the programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit wirelessly communicates with said central server; however, he does recite a portable nurse station and external devices being wirelessly linked to the central computer (Col. 22 lines 44-47). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have the microprocessor-based interactive wirelessly communicate with the central server in order to facilitate communication among system components that are not in close proximity.

Claim 19 is rejected under the analysis of claim 1. Furthermore, Chaco recites communicating digitally encoded health signals by said monitoring device to said programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit (Col. 14 lines 37-49).

10. For claims 7 and 8, Chaco discloses a handheld or portable device or computer (Col. 15 lines 25; col. 20 lines 16-28).

Claims 25, 26, 37 are rejected under the analysis of claims 7 and 8.

11. Claim 11 is rejected as Chaco recites processing health related data into at least one report (Col. 30 lines 16-18).

Claim 29 is rejected under the analysis of claim 11.

12. Claims 12 and 13 are rejected under the analysis of claim 11, as the data contained in the report is non-functional descriptive material that does not further limit the system of claim 1 (In re Gulack, 217 USPQ 401 (Fed. Cir. 1983), In re Ngai, 70 USPQ2d (Fed. Cir. 2004), In re Lowry, 32 USPQ2d 1031 (Fed. Cir. 1994); MPEP 2106.01 II).

Claims 30, 31 are rejected under the above analysis.

13. Claim 17 is rejected as Chaco discloses the system being configured to cause a message to be transmitted to a specific patient (Col. 18 line 67, col. 19 lines 1-2).

Furthermore, the wherein clause of the claim merely states the result of the limitations in the claim and adds nothing to the patentability or substance of the claim ((Texas Instruments Inc. v. International Trade Commission 26, USPQ2d 1010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); Griffin v. Bertina, 62 USPQ2d 1431 (Fed. Cir. 2002); Amazon.com Inc. v. Barnesandnoble.com Inc., 57 USPQ2d 1747 (CAFC 2001)).

Claim 35 is rejected under the analysis of claim 17.

14. Claim 38 is rejected, as Chaco discloses RF transmission (Col. 9 lines 59-61).

Claim 39 is rejected under the analysis of claim 38.

15. Claim 40 is rejected as Chaco recites a program storage device (Col. 10 lines 10-11).

16. Claim 41 is rejected as Chaco discloses a storage device connecting to a receptacle of a microprocessor device (Col. 13 lines 41-42).

Claim 42 is rejected under the analysis of claim 41.

17. Claim 43 is rejected, as Chaco discloses a memory comprising a name, address, phone number etc. (Col. 10 lines 51-54). Furthermore, the data contained in the memory is non-functional descriptive material that does not further limit the system (In re Swineheart, 169 USPQ 226; In re Schreiber, 44 USPQ2d 1429 (Fed. Cir. 997)).

18. With respect to claim 44, Chaco discloses prompting a user to enter information; receiving the entered information and communicating the information to a central server (Col. 30 lines 64-67);

Claim 46 is rejected under the analysis of claim 44.

19. Claim 45 is rejected, as Chaco discloses at least one health care computer, remotely located from and in signal communication with the central server (Fig. 4 element 420).

Claim 47 is also rejected under the analysis of claim 45.

20. Claim 48 is rejected as Chaco discloses health measurements including blood pressure (Col. 13 lines 54-55; col. 14 lines 37-39).

Claim 49 is rejected under the analysis of claim 48.

21. Claims 2-5, 10, 14-16, 18, 20-23, 28, 32-34, 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chaco U.S. Patent No. 5,465,082 in view of Kretsch et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,233,520.

22. For claim 2, Chaco discloses the programmable microprocessor-based interactive unit receiving user information (Col. 14 lines 50-54). He does not specifically recite quantitative units; however Kretsch does (Col. 3 lines 58-63). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Chaco and Kretsch in order to facilitate the reading of the data. Furthermore, the type of data received and stored is non-functional descriptive material that does not further limit the system (In re Swineheart, 169 USPQ 226; In re Schreiber, 44 USPQ2d 1429 (Fed. Cir. 1997).

Claims 3-5, 20-23 are rejected under the analysis of claim 2.

23. With respect to claim 10, Examiner takes Official Notice that a removable memory was old and well known in the art at the time the invention was made. It would therefore, have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the prior art in order to facilitate data movement and accessibility for different users of the inventions.

Claim 28 is rejected under the analysis of claim 10.



24. Claim 14 is rejected, as Kretsch recites transmitting at least one message for display on at least one microprocessor device's display. (Col. 4 lines 49-50; col. 23 lines 24-27).

Claims 32 is rejected under the analysis of claim 14.

25. For claim 15, the information contained in the message displayed is non-functional descriptive material that does not further limit the system's ability to display messages (In re Gulack, 217 USPQ 401 (Fed. Cir. 1983), In re Ngai, 70 USPQ2d (Fed. Cir. 2004), In re Lowry, 32 USPQ2d 1031 (Fed. Cir. 1994); MPEP 2106.01 II). Claim 15 therefore does not further limit the system of claim 14 and is rejected under the analysis of claim 14.

Furthermore, Kretsch discloses the displaying instructions (Col. 4 lines 49-50).

Claims 16, 33 and 34 are rejected under the analysis of claim 15.

26. For claim 18, Examiner takes Official Notice that a system configured to enable programs to be provided from the server for storage in a memory of and execution by at least one microprocessor device was old and well known in the art at the time the invention was made. It would have been obvious to combine the prior art in order to enable components of the system to perform their respective functions.

Claim 36 is rejected under the analysis of claim 18.

***Conclusion***

27. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VALERIE LUBIN whose telephone number is (571)270-5295. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher L. Gilligan can be reached on 571-272-6770. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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